

Tracy.

Scarboro.

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dear Mr. Garrison.

I ought to apologise  
for the delay in acknowledging the  
capital card you sent me last  
month as well as the one forwarded  
from Liverpool.

My last  
note came when I was from home  
with my wife who has been seriously  
ill - and since my return several  
matters seemed to fill up my leisure  
time causing the postponement of sum-  
mer "good intentions".

Please  
accept my hearty thanks for your kind  
remembrance of me & my cousin, who  
commissioned me to thank you much  
in his behalf.

We shall value

the two photos. very much.

Amongst other matters occupying attention lately ~~has~~ has been the union of the two sections of the Liberal party here in Scarborough & the agreement upon a candidate to contest the representation of the borough at the next election, as the colleague of Sir + account Johnstone. This has I hope now been satisfactorily accomplished, and as it seemed best to get a fresh man altogether, who had, as yet incurred no local prejudices, we sent a unanimous invitation to W. P. Cairns of Liverpool.

He was over here a fortnight ago to address the Liberal Association & made a very favorable impression. - He comes over next Tuesday to address his first public meeting; and as I expect his address will be a full summary of the aims of the advanced Liberal party you may be interested in seeing a report which

I will take care to send you; as well as another containing report of Sir H. J.'s address to his constituents a week or two ago.

You will see that his candid mind has brought him another step onwards — he declared in favor of the Disestablishment of the English Church.

It is very honorable to him to follow his own convictions so fearlessly, surrounded as he is by so many aristocratic & conservative influences.

I believe that in Maine we have got a colleague worthy of him. He has contested Liver-  
pool since — perhaps you met him there — and is young<sup>and</sup> very energetic.

I hope, now that our party is united in Scotland there is little doubt that we shall win the seat from the Tories whenever an election should occur.

I hope however it may not be just yet — we want more time locally for consolidation, and I fear the country has hardly yet got thoroughly sick of



Lord Beaconsfield.

There is no doubt that even now, a general election would show a considerable Liberal gain, but I fear hardly sufficient to give a working majority to a strong Liberal Government, especially as things are now so much complicated by the Home Rulers, who up to now have been reckoned with the Liberals but who can hardly be safely counted on by anyone in future.

By 1879 or 80 when the general election must come I hope we shall be able to show that this Tory fit was only a passing nap of John Bull.

I am afraid all this will hardly interest you - one is so apt to forget how distant these events are.

U.S. politics in America seem rather puzzling to strangers just now. We get only meagre materials for judging the real state of the case.

The noisiest opponents of the President (counting the professional office-holders) do not commend themselves to our favourable judgment & rather turn on cynicism in their remarks whether rightly or wrongly I don't know.

With kindest regards to your father & yourself I remain

Yours very truly  
W. S. Rowntree.